HIGH-PERFORMANCE PARALLEL INTERFACE - 6400 Mbit/s Physical Layer

(HIPPI-6400-PH)

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Comments on Rev 0.8

This is a preliminary document undergoing lots of changes. Many of the additions are just place holders, or are put there to stimulate discussion. Hence, do not assume that the items herein are correct, or final – everything is subject to change. This page tries to outline where we are; what has been discussed and semi-approved, and what has been added or changed recently and deserves your special attention. This summary relates to changes since the previous revision. Also, previous open issues are outlined with a single box, new open issues ones are marked with a double bar on the left edge of the box.

Changes are marked with change bars in the margin. Minor changes, e.g., capitalization or spelling, did not warrant a change bar unless there were other substantive changes in the paragraph. The list below just describes the major changes, for detail changes please compare this revision to the previous revision.

Please help us in this development process by sending comments, corrections, and suggestions to the Technical Editor, Don Tolmie, of the Los Alamos National Laboratory, at det@lanl.gov. If you would like to address the whole group working on this document, send the Message to hippi@network.com.

1. Deleted the definition for "HIPPI port" since it wasn't used in the document.

2. Changed the definition of "log" to match HIPPI-6400-SC.

3. In 4.6, changed the next to last sentence from "...Source consumes..." to "...Source end of the link consumes...".

4. In 4.9, changed the second sentence from "The length..." to "The maximum length...".

5. In 6.2, changed the lengths for all of the VCs, e.g., VC0 went from 64 micropackets + Header to 68 micropackets + Header. Added a note to explain the numbers.

6. In 6.6.3, changed "...user data, and may carry Schedule Header." to "...payload.".

7. In 6.3.6, changed the first sentence to match what is in HIPPI-6400-SC.

8. In table 2, changed "32 bytes of user data or Schedule Parameters" to "32 bytes of payload".

9. In 6.5, note 3, changed "...on every VC." to "...on some VCs.".

10. In 6.6.2.1, deleted the note saying why the particular Stomp code was chosen.

11. In 6, changed the last sentence from "...integral number..." to "...integral multiple...". In the second paragraph, swapped the order of the last two sentences.

12. In 7.2, added a reference for "RFC". Deleted the entry for EtherType = x'0800'. Changed "Non-scheduled HIPPI-FP..." to "HIPPI-FP...".

13. In 7.3, changed the title from "Opaque payload" to "Payload", and changed figure 10 the same way. Deleted "opaque" in the text.

14. In 8.1, added the last paragraph about Credit overflow.

15. In 8.4, changed "...triggered by 8.2..." to "...triggered by the error conditions in 8.2...".

16. In 9.1.4, changed all of the words "unspecified" to "undefined". In the note, changed "...TYPEs." to "...TYPE values.".

17. In 12.1, added "Credit overflow" as a cause for Reset.

18. In 12.3, added the sentence describing where the time is measured. Changed the time from 2 seconds to 0.5 seconds.

19. In figure 15, moved where the Hold-off timer is shown.

20. In 12.3, changed the Hold-off timer value from 5 seconds to 10 seconds.

21. In 14.1, changed the clock tolerance from 100 ppm to 200 ppm.

22. In table 6, added the Credit Overflow error.

23. In table 7, changed the Hold-off and Reset timer values.

24. In 15.2, changed the minimum low-level voltage from 0.08 V to 0 V. Changed the max rise and fall times from 300 ps to 350 ps. Added terms for worst case pair-to-pair, and within pair, skew.

25. In 15.4, added the sentence saying that the Reserved pins are unconnected.

25. In 15.4, changed the parameters for near end crosstalk to be done with a 100 ps risetime pulse instead of a 500 ps risetime pulse. Changed the risetime parameters to 20% and 80%.

26. In 15.5, changed the outside diameter spec to be a maximum value instead of nominal plus tolerance. Changed the jacket material from CL-2.2/FT6 to CL-2.2P/FT6. Added the paragraph describing how the cable shield should be tied.

27. In figure 17, changed all of the pinouts to match the proposal that was floated over e-mail.

28. Deleted the clause labeled "XX Other open issues".

29. In A.2, changed the parameters to account for changing the clock tolerance from 100 ppm to 200 ppm.

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Foreword (This foreword is not part of American National Standard X3.xxx-199x.)

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This standard provides an upward growth path for legacy HIPPI-based systems.

This document includes one annex which is informative and is not considered part of the standard.

Requests for interpretation, suggestions for improvement or addenda, or defect reports are welcome. They should be sent to the X3 Secretariat, Information Technology Industry Council, 1250 Eye Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005.

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Introduction

This American National Standard specifies a physical-level, point-to-point, full-duplex, link interface for reliable, flow-controlled, transmission of user data at 6400 Mbit/s, per direction, over parallel copper cables across distances of 50 m, or over parallel fiber-optic cables across distances of 200 m. Small fixed-size micropackets provide an efficient, low-latency, structure for small transfers, and a component for large transfers.

Characteristics of a HIPPI-6400-PH physical-layer interface include:

– User data transfer bandwidth of 6400 Mbit/s (800 MByte/s).

– A full-duplex link capable of independent full-bandwidth transfers in both directions simultaneously.

– Four virtual circuits providing a limited multiplexing capability.

– A fixed size transfer unit, i.e., a 32-byte micropacket, for hardware efficiency.

– A small transfer unit resulting in low latency for short Messages, and a component for large transfers.

– Credit-based flow control that prevents buffer overflow.

– End-to-end, as well as link-to-link, checksums.

– Automatic retransmission of errored data providing guaranteed, in-order, reliable, data delivery.

– An ac coupled parallel electrical interface for limited distance applications, and a parallel fiber-optic interface for longer distances.

– Support for carrying legacy HIPPI-800 and HIPPI-1600 traffic.

– A physical-layer interface continuing the HIPPI tradition of simplicity.

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1 Scope

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Specifications are included for:

– automatic retransmission of errored data;

– the format of a small data transfer unit called a micropacket;

– a Message structure that includes routing information for network applications;

– end-to-end, as well as link-to-link, checksums;

– the timing requirements of the parallel signals;

– a parallel interface using copper coaxial cable;

– a parallel interface using ribbon fiber-optic cable;

– a link-level protocol tuned for a maximum distance of 1 km.

2 Normative references

The following American National Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this American National Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards listed below.

ANSI X3.210-1992, *High-Performance Parallel Interface, Framing Protocol (HIPPI-FP)*

ANSI X3.xxx-199x, *High-Performance Parallel Interface, 6400 Mbit/s Switch Control (HIPPI-6400-SC)*

ANSI/IEEE Std 802-1990, *IEEE Standards for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and architecture (formerly known as IEEE Std 802.1A, Project 802: Local and Metropolitan Area Network Standard — Overview and Architecture)*

ISO/IEC 8802-2:1989 (ANSI/IEEE Std 802.2-1989), *Information Processing Systems – Local Area Networks – Part 2: Logical link control*

3 Definitions and conventions

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the following definitions apply.

3.1.1 acknowledge (ACK): Confirmation that the Destination has received the micropacket without errors.

3.1.2 administrator: A station management entity providing external management control.

3.1.3 credit: A credit corresponds to one micropacket's worth of buffer space available in the Destination's VC buffer.

3.1.4 Destination: The equipment that receives the data.

3.1.5 Final Destination: The equipment that receives, and operates on, the payload portion of the micropackets. This is typically a host computer system, but may also be a translator, bridge, or router.

3.1.6 link: A full-duplex connection between HIPPI-6400-PH devices.

3.1.7 log: The act of making a record of an event for later usage.

3.1.8 Message: An ordered sequence of one or more micropackets that have the same VC. The first micropacket is a Header micropacket. The last micropacket, which may also be the first micropacket, has the TAIL bit set. (See 4.4.)

3.1.9 micropacket: The basic transfer unit consisting of 32 data bytes and 64 bits of control information.

3.1.10 optional: Characteristics that are not required by HIPPI-6400-PH. However, if any optional characteristic is implemented, it shall be implemented as defined in HIPPI-6400-PH.

3.1.11 Originating Source: The equipment that generates the payload portion of the micropackets. This is typically a host computer system, but may also be a translator, bridge, or router.

3.1.12 Source: The equipment that transmits the data.

3.1.13 syndrome: The value (should be zero) obtained by exclusive ORing the calculated CRC value with the CRC value received with the micropacket.

3.1.14 Universal LAN MAC Address (ULA): The 48-bit MAC address specified by the IEEE 802 Overview Standard.

3.1.15 Virtual Channel (VC): One of four logical paths within each direction of a link.

3.2 Editorial conventions

In this standard, certain terms that are proper names of signals or similar terms are printed in uppercase to avoid possible confusion with other uses of the same words (e.g., FRAME). Any lowercase uses of these words have the normal technical English meaning.

A number of conditions, sequence parameters, events, states, or similar terms are printed with the first letter of each word in uppercase and the rest lowercase (e.g., Block, Source). Any lowercase uses of these words have the normal technical English meaning.

The word *shall* when used in this American National standard, states a mandatory rule or requirement. The word *should* when used in this standard, states a recommendation.

3.2.1 Binary notation

Binary notation is used to represent relatively short fields. For example a two-bit field containing the binary value of 10 is shown in binary format as b'10'.

3.2.2 Hexadecimal notation

Hexadecimal notation is used to represent some fields. For example a two-byte field containing a binary value of b'11000100 00000011' is shown in hexadecimal format as x'C403'.

3.3 Acronyms and other abbreviations

ACK	acknowledge indication
CR	credit amount parameter
CRC	cyclic redundancy check
ECRC	end-to-end CRC
HIPPI	High-Performance Parallel Interface
LCRC	link CRC
lsb	least significant bit
MAC	Media Access Control
msb	most significant bit
ns	nanoseconds
ps	picoseconds
RSEQ	receive sequence number
TSEQ	transmit sequence number
ULA	Universal LAN MAC Address
ULP	upper-layer protocol
VC	virtual channel
VCR	virtual channel Credit selector
µs	microseconds
Ω	ohms

4 System overview

This clause provides an overview of the structure, concepts, and mechanisms used in HIPPI-6400-PH. Figure 1 gives an example of a HIPPI-6400 system.

4.1 Links

HIPPI-6400-PH defines a point-to-point physical link for transferring micropackets. The physical links, as shown in figure 2, are bi-directional. The logical links are simplex, i.e., the data inbound and outbound are completely separate. Some control information, e.g., credit, flows in the reverse direction, and it is included in the micropackets flowing in the reverse direction. This is why the physical links must be bi-directional with information flowing in both directions simultaneously.

A link is composed of two Sources that transmit information, and two Destinations that receive information. Each end of a link has a Source and a Destination.

The data path is 16 bits wide for a copper implementation, and is eight bits wide for a fiber implementation. The control path is one-fourth the width of the data path, e.g., the control path for a copper implementation would be 4 bits wide. CLOCK, CLOCK_2, and FRAME are individual signals carried on separate conductors. The CLOCK_2 signal is only used in 16-bit systems.

4.2 Virtual channels

Four virtual channels, VC0, VC1, VC2, and VC3 are available in each direction on each link. The VCs are assigned to specific Message sizes and transfer methods. All of the micropackets of a Message are transmitted on a single VC, i.e., the VC number does not change as the micropackets travel from the Originating Source to the Final Destination over one or more links. The VCs provide a multiplexing mechanism which can be used to prevent a large Message from Blocking a small Message until the large Message has completed.

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Figure 1 – System overview

4.3 Micropacket

Micropackets are the basic transfer unit. As shown in figure 3 a micropacket is composed of 32 data bytes and 64 bits of control information. At 6400 Mbit/s a micropacket is transmitted every 40 ns, with Null micropackets transmitted when other micropackets are not available. Credit and retransmit operations are performed on a micropacket basis.

The 64 bits of control information in each micropacket includes parameters for:

– selecting a VC;

– detecting missing micropackets;

– denoting the types of information in the micropacket;

– marking the last micropacket of a Message;

– signalling that the Message was truncated at its originator, or damaged en-route;

– passing credit information from the Destination to the Source;

– Link-level and end-to-end checksums.

(Numbers in parenthesis are for an 8-bit system. CLOCK_2 is only used in 16-bit systems.)

Figure 2 – HIPPI-6400-PH link showing signal lines

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<u>32 Data bytes (256 bits)</u>

Data byte DB00 | Data byte DB01

d00.7 d00.5 d00.3 d00.1 d01.7 d01.5 d01.3 d01.1
  d00.6 d00.4 d00.2 d00.0 d01.6 d01.4 d01.2 d01.0

Data byte DB30 | Data byte DB31

2^7 2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0

d30.7 d30.5 d30.3 d30.1 d31.7 d31.5 d31.3 d31.1
  d30.6 d30.4 d30.2 d30.0 d31.6 d31.4 d31.2 d31.0

<u>64 Control bits</u>

.... 2^7 2^6 2^5 2^4 2^3 2^2 2^1 2^0

c63 c61 c59 c57 c15 c13 c11 c09 c07 c05 c03 c01
  c62 c60 c58 c56 c14 c12 c10 c08 c06 c04 c02 c00

<u>Naming conventions:</u>

Data bytes are labeled capital DB and a two-digit number, e.g., DB00.
In a parameter that uses multiple bytes, the most-significant byte is the lowest-numbered byte.
Data bits are labeled lower case d, a two-digit byte number, and a one-digit bit number, e.g., d31.7.
Control bits are labeled lower case c and a two-digit number, e.g., c00.
In a parameter that uses multiple bits, the most-significant bit is the highest-numbered bit.

Figure 3 – Logical micropacket format and naming conventions

4.4 Message

As shown in figure 4, a Message is an ordered sequence of one or more micropackets which have the same VC. The first micropacket of a Message, i.e., the Header micropacket, contains information used to route through a HIPPI-6400 fabric. The last micropacket of the Message is marked with the TAIL bit.

#		
1	Header information	c63–c00
2	1st 32 bytes of Mesage data	c63–c00
3	2nd 32 bytes of Message data	c63–c00
⋮		
n	Last bytes of Message data	c63–c00

Micropacket Transmission order

Figure 4 – Message format

4.5 FRAME and CLOCK signals

The FRAME signal, carried on a separate signal line, marks a micropacket's beginning. Both edges of either the CLOCK or CLOCK_2 signals, also carried on separate signal lines, are used for strobing the data. The data, control, and FRAME signals from a Source are synchronous with that Source's CLOCK and CLOCK_2 signals. The CLOCK rate is dependent on the width of the data bus, e.g., a 16-bit data bus utilizing 4b/5b encoding requires the CLOCK line to run at 250 MHz and each data and control line may transition every 2 ns.

4.6 Flow control

Credit-based flow control is used. As shown in figure 5, the credits are assigned on a VC basis, i.e., VC0's credits are separate from VC1's credits. The Destination end of a link

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grants credits to match the number of free receive buffers for a particular VC. The Source end of the link consumes credits as it moves micropackets from the VC Buffers to the Output Buffer. Note that flow control is on a link basis, i.e., hop-by-hop.

4.7 Retransmission

Go-back-N retransmission is used. The CRCs in each micropacket are checked at the Destination side of a link; at the Input Buffer in figure 5. Correct micropackets are acknowledged, incorrect micropackets are discarded. Retransmission of incorrect micropackets is automatic. Note that retransmission is independent of the VC used, and also independent of the credit information, i.e., retransmission occurs between the Output and Input Buffers in figure 5 while VC and credit information pertains only to the VC Buffers. Retransmission is on a link basis, i.e., hop-by-hop.

4.8 Check functions

As shown in table 1, two 16-bit cyclic redundancy checks (CRCs) are used, and they use different polynomials. The end-to-end CRC (ECRC) covers the data bytes of all of the micropackets in a Message, i.e., the Header micropacket and all of the Data micropackets (if any) up to this point in a Message. The ECRC does not cover the control bits. The ECRC is unchanged from the Originating Source to the Final Destination. The ECRC is accumulated over an entire Message, i.e., it is not re-initialized for intermediate Data micropackets. (See 6.6.3.)

The link CRC (LCRC) covers all of the data and control bits of a micropacket, with the exception of itself. The LCRC is initialized for each micropacket, and must be calculated fresh for each link since other control fields change.

The combination of two 16-bit CRCs provides a stronger check than a single 16-bit CRC for link-level checking of individual micropackets. In addition, the 16-bit ECRC provides checking over a whole Message.

4.9 Copper physical layer (optional)

The optional HIPPI-6400-PH copper variant uses a cable with 46 conductor pairs, 23 in each direction, and an overall shield. The maximum length is dependent upon the quality of the cable. The signals are ac coupled to the cable to accommodate some difference in the ground potential between the equipment. (See clause 15.)

4.10 Fiber physical layer (optional)

The optional HIPPI-6400-PH fiber variant uses a fiber-ribbon cable with 12 multi-mode fibers in each direction. The length is limited to 1 km by the protocol, (e.g., by the size of the TSEQ, RSEQ, and CR parameters), and may be limited to shorter distances by the physical constraints of the optical system. (See clause 16.) A non-standard double-wide optical implementation is described in annex B.

Open Issue – Someone from E-Systems needs to provide the text describing the double-wide optical interface.

Credits are consumed as a micropacket moves from the VC*n* Buffer to the Output Buffer

Source **Destination**

VC0 Buffer

VC1 Buffer

VC2 Buffer

VC3 Buffer

Output Buffer

Input Buffer

TSEQ

ACK(seq)

RSEQ

VC0 Buffer

VC1 Buffer

VC2 Buffer

VC3 Buffer

ACKs are generated independent of the VC number, and sent to the Source in the reverse direction micropacket control information.

credit(VC,amount)

Credits are generated, on a VC basis when data exits from the VC buffer, and sent to the Source in the reverse direction micropacket control information.

Figure 5 – Reverse direction control information

Table 1 – CRC coverages in a 128-byte Message

Micropacket number	Data Bytes DB00 – DB31 contents	ECRC coverage	LCRC coverage
1	Header	Header	Header, c00 – c47
2	Bytes 1 – 32	Header and Bytes 1 – 32	Bytes 1 – 32, c00 – c47
3	Bytes 33 – 64	Header and Bytes 1 – 64	Bytes 33 – 64, c00 – c47
4	Bytes 65 – 96	Header and Bytes 1 – 96	Bytes 65 – 96, c00 – c47
5	Bytes 97 – 128	Header and Bytes 1 – 128	Bytes 97 – 128, c00 – c47

5 Service interface

This clause specifies the services provided by HIPPI-6400-PH. The intent is to allow ULPs to operate correctly with this HIPPI-6400-PH. How many of the services described herein are chosen for a given implementation is up to that implementor; however, a set of HIPPI-6400-PH services must be supplied sufficient to satisfy the ULP(s) being used.   The services as defined herein do not imply any particular implementation, or any interface.

Figure 6 shows the relationship of the HIPPI-6400-PH interfaces.

Figure 6 – HIPPI-6400-PH service interface

5.1 Service primitives

The primitives, in the context of the state tran-sitions in clause 5, are declared required or optional.   Additionally, parameters are either required, conditional, or optional.   All of the primitives and parameters are considered as required except where explicitly stated other-wise.

HIPPI-6400-PH service primitives are of four types.

– *Request primitives* are issued by a service user to initiate a service provided by the HIPPI-6400-PH. In this standard, a second Request primitive of the same name shall not be issued until the Confirm for the first request is received.

–*Confirm primitives* are issued by the HIPPI-6400-PH to acknowledge a Request.

– *Indicate primitives* are issued by the HIPPI-6400-PH to notify the service user of a local event. This primitive is similar in nature to an unsolicited interrupt. Note that the local event may have been caused by a service Request. In this standard, a second Indicate primitive of the same name shall not be issued until the Response for the first Indicate is received.

– *Response primitives* are issued by a service user to acknowledge an Indicate.

5.2 Sequences of primitives

The order of execution of service primitives is not arbitrary.   Logical and time sequence relationships exist for all described service primi-tives. Time sequence diagrams are used to illustrate a valid sequence.   Other valid sequences may exist. The sequence of events between peer users across the user/provider interface is illustrated. In the time sequence diagrams the HIPPI-6400-PH users are de-picted on either side of the vertical bars while the HIPPI-6400-PH acts as the service provider.

NOTE - The intent is to flesh out the service primitives similar to what is in HIPPI-PH today.

6 Micropacket contents

6.1 Bit and byte assignments

As shown in figure 3, each micropacket shall consist of 32 data bytes and 64 bits of control information. The data bytes shall be numbered DB00 - DB31. DB00 shall be transmitted first. The data bits in the micropacket shall be numbered d$xx.y$ where xx is the byte number and y is the bit number in the byte.

The 64 bits of control information shall be numbered as bits c63 – c00. Control bit c00 shall be transmitted first. As shown in figure 3, a field with a numerical value shall have its most-significant bit in the highest numbered bit position.

The control information shall contain the following parameters located in the bits specified. The Source side of a link supplies all of the parameters, except for RSEQ, VCR and CR which come to the Source from its local Destination side. The VC parameter comes from the Originating Source. The TAIL, TYPE, and ECRC parameters normally come from the Originating Source, but may under error conditions come from an intermediate device (see 9.2.3 and 9.2.4).

VC (2 bits, c00–c01) – The virtual channel selector. (See 6.2.)

TYPE (4 bits, c02–c05) – Identifies the type of information within the micropacket. (See 6.3.)

TAIL (1 bit, c06) – TAIL = 1 identifies the last micropacket of a Message. TAIL = 0 means that more micropackets for this Message follow.

ERROR (1 bit, c07) – ERROR = 1 means that an unrecoverable error has been detected in the Message, do not check the ECRC. ERROR = 0 means that the Message is OK so far. (See 9.1.3.)

VCR (2 bits, c08–c09) – Virtual channel number associated with credit addition. (See 6.5.)

CR (6 bits, c10–c15) – Amount of credit to add to the virtual channel specified in VCR. (See 6.5.)

RSEQ (8 bits, c16–c23) – Sequence number associated with micropacket ACK indication. (See 6.4.)

TSEQ (8 bits, c24–c31) – Sequence number of transmitted micropacket. (See 6.4.)

ECRC (16 bits, c32–c47) – End-to-end checksum covering all of the data bytes up to this point in a Message, including those in the Header micropacket. (See 6.6.)

LCRC (16 bits, c48–c63) – Link level checksum covering the 32 data bytes, and the c00 through c47 control bits, in this micropacket. (See 6.6.)

Note – Transmission order is top to bottom, and right to left, in 4-bit groups, as shown in tables 3 and 4. The most-significant-bit of a parameter is at the left end of its field.

Figure 7 – Control bits summary

6.2 Virtual channel (VC) selector

Four virtual channels shall be available in each direction on a link. Messages on the virtual channels shall be assigned as follows:

– VC0 = Messages with a maximum size of 68 data micropackets (2176 bytes) plus a Header micropacket.

– VC1 = Messages with a maximum size of 4100 data micropackets (~128 KBytes) plus a Header micropacket. Also carries Admin Request Messages.

– VC2 = Messages with a maximum size of 4100 data micropackets (~128 KBytes) plus a Header micropacket. Also carries Admin Response Messages.

– VC3 = Messages with a maximum size of 4 GBytes. Each Message shall contain a Header micropacket as the first micropacket of the Message.

> NOTE – The Message size was picked to be an even binary number plus up to 128 bytes for upper-layer protocol headers. For example, VC0's maximum Message size is 69 micropackets: one Header micropacket, four micropackets carrying 128 bytes of upper-layer protocol, and 64 micropackets carrying 2048 bytes of user payload.

6.3 Micropacket TYPEs

The 4-bit TYPE parameter shall indicate the contents of the micropacket.

Micropackets whose TYPE < x'8', or whose TYPE = x'A', are provided for control at the link level or for credit update. These micropackets are not loaded into any VC Buffer (see figure 5) at the Destination despite the VC field being transmitted as x'0'. As such, the Source need not have credit available for VC0 prior to sending these micropackets, and the Destination shall not generate additional VC0 credit as a result of having received these micropackets.

Only micropackets whose TYPE $\geq$ x'8' shall be retransmitted.

Undefined TYPE values are reserved for future use. Actions to be taken as a result of receiving an undefined TYPE are detailed in 9.1.4.

6.3.1 TYPE = link control micropackets

Control micropackets operate at the link level, do not carry any user data, acknowledgments, or credit update information. (See clause 12.) Control micropackets include:

– Reset (TYPE = x'2') – Sent to initiate a Link Reset operation. (See 12.1.)

– Reset_ACK (TYPE = x'3') – The receiving device has completed the Link Reset operation.

– Initialize (TYPE = x'4') – Sent to initiate an Initialization operation. (See 12.2.)

– Initialize_ACK (TYPE = x'5') – The receiving device has completed the Initialization operation.

6.3.2 TYPE = Null micropackets

Null micropackets (TYPE = x'7') are gap-fillers, and shall be used to keep the link active when there are no other micropackets to transmit. Null micropackets may carry ACK indications.

6.3.3 TYPE = Data micropackets

Data micropackets (TYPE = x'8') carry payload.

6.3.4 TYPE = Header micropackets

Header micropackets (TYPE = x'9') carry routing and control information.

6.3.5 TYPE = Credit-only micropackets

When credits are available, and there are no Data micropackets to send, then Credit-only micropackets (TYPE = x'A') are used to carry credit update information, and acknowledgments.

6.3.6 TYPE = Admin micropackets

Admin micropackets (TYPE = x'F') are used for support and initialization of HIPPI-6400 links, elements, and systems. Admin micropacket contents and uses are specified in HIPPI-6400-SC.

6.4 Sequence number parameters

The transmit sequence number (TSEQ) shall increment by one for each micropacket transmitted whose TYPE $\geq$ x'8'. TSEQ shall wrap from x'FE' to x'00'. The receive sequence number (RSEQ) shall be used to acknowledge (ACK) these micropackets. RSEQ shall equal the TSEQ of the most recent micropacket being acknowledged. TSEQ shall begin with the value = x'00' after a Link Reset. RSEQ = x'FF' indicates that no ACK indication is being transmitted (used while the link fills with micropackets after a Link Reset).

Table 2 – Micropacket contents summary

	Reset/ Initialize	Null	Credit-only	Header	Data	Admin
Data Bytes contents	0*	0*	0*	32 bytes of header information (see 7.1)	32 bytes of payload	Administrative information
VC	0*	0*	0*	any	any	Requests on VC1 Responses on VC2
TYPE (hex)	2,3,4,5	7	A	9	8	F
TAIL	1*	0*	0*	= 1 on last micropacket of Message	= 1 on last micropacket of Message	1
ERROR	0*	0*	0	= 1 if error	= 1 if error	= 1 if error
TSEQ	x'FF'	x'FF'	increments	increments	increments	increments
RSEQ	1*	ACK	ACK	ACK	ACK	ACK
VCR	0*	0*	any	any	any	any
CR	0*	0*	any	any	any	any
LCRC	single	single	single	single	single	single
ECRC	single	single	single	accumulating	accumulating	single

 0* = transmit all bits of this field as 0's, a receiver must permit any value
 1* = transmit all bits of this field as 1's, a receiver must permit any value
 any = any data value as appropriate
 single = this CRC is calculated and checked for this single micropacket
 accumulating = ECRC as defined in 6.6.3

NOTES

1 The TSEQ and RSEQ parameters are independent of the virtual channel used to transmit the micropacket.

2 The TSEQ and RSEQ parameters are local to a specific link. For example, a micropacket that transverses more than one link will most likely have different TSEQ numbers on the different links.

3 The first micropacket with TYPE $\geq$ x'8' following a stomped micropacket (see 6.6.2.1) uses the same TSEQ value as in the stomped micropacket since that TSEQ value was not consumed.

The wrap at x'FE' shall be taken into account when processing ACK indications. For example, if the previous ACK indication had RSEQ = x'F7', and an ACK indication with RSEQ = x'03' is received, then the micropackets whose TSEQ value = x'F8' through x'FE', and from x'00' through x'03', are acknowledged and their memory may be reused by the Source.

6.5 Credit update parameters

The Destination shall insert the VCR and CR parameters in micropackets to inform the Source that CR number of micropacket buffers have been freed up for the VC indicated by VCR. The Source shall increase its Credit Counter for this virtual channel by the value in CR. The Source Credit Counter range shall be 255, and the number of outstanding credits shall be $\leq$ 255.

NOTES

1 The CR value is an incremental update value, not the number of buffers currently available in the Destination.

2 At 40 ns per micropacket, and 5 ns per meter of cable, each credit is equivalent to about 8 meters of cable. Hence, a Credit Count, and Destination buffer capacity per virtual channel, of 255 will support full bandwidth on a 1 km link when round trip

time is taken into account and Destination latency is low.

3 If the Destination does not send adequate credits then the Source may not be able to send on some VCs.

6.6 Check functions

6.6.1 Intended use of CRCs

Two 16-bit cyclic redundancy checks (CRCs) shall be used. The link CRC (LCRC) checks all of the data bytes and control bits in a single micropacket. The LCRC shall be generated by a link's Source, and checked by the same link's Destination, i.e., it is local to a link.

The end-to-end CRC (ECRC) checks all of the data bytes of a Message, i.e., it may cover multiple micropackets. The ECRC shall be generated by the Originating Source, and should be passed unchanged through intermediate link-level devices. The ECRC shall be checked at each Destination in the path. See 9.1 for ECRC error operations.

While this standard covers the link level and host interface, other documents may require intermediate link-level devices to carry the ECRC across them, for example, across switches. Link-level devices, as described here, are devices that do not operate on the payload portion of data micropackets.

6.6.2 Link-level CRC (LCRC)

The link CRC (LCRC) shall cover all of the data bytes, and the control bits except for itself. The LCRC generator and checker shall be initialized to all ones (x'FFFF') for each micropacket.

The LCRC polynomial shall be:

$$x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1$$

Figure 8 is an example serial implementation. The LCRC may be implemented in a parallel fashion rather than serial, but must produce the same results as the serial example. The c63 through c48 bits are the LCRC bits in the control word. The incoming data and control bits are exclusive OR'd with c48 to generate a

sum value; the *sum* value is exclusive OR'd with selected control bits as they are shifted right once each bit period. The data and control bits shall be input to the generator in transmission sequence, i.e., 64 data bits, 16 control bits, 64 data bits, 16 control bits, etc. The sequence is d00.0, d00.1, d00.2, ...d00.7, d01.0...d01.7, ...d07.7, c00, c01, c02...c15, d08.0...d15.7, c16...c31,   d16.0...d23.7,   c32...c47, d24.0...d31.7. Refer to tables 3 and 4 for the transmission sequence. After passing all 304 input bits, c63-through-c48 contain the most-significant through least-significant bits of the LCRC.

At the destination, the LCRC check may be implemented   by   clocking   the   entire micropacket, including the LCRC parameter (c63..c48), into either a serial or parallel checker. In this case, a residue is available in the checker register after the last clock rather than a syndrome. If this check method is used, a residue of x'0000' indicates no errors, and x'06A9' indicates that a "stomp" code was received.

See 9.1.1 for details of a Destination's actions when checking the LCRC. See annex A.3 for the equations to generate the LCRC in a parallel fashion.

6.6.2.1 Stomp code at Source

A Source may decide during the course of transmitting a micropacket that it wishes to "nullify" that transmission. This shall be done by XORing a "stomp" code of x'874D' with the LCRC that it has calculated for the micropacket. The Source shall treat a "stomped" micropacket as if it never occurred, i.e., not save the "stomped" micropacket in the retransmit buffer, and not increment the TSEQ number since the TSEQ number was not consumed.

Data in

⊕ = exclusive OR

Figure 8 – LCRC implementation example

Data in

⊕ = exclusive OR

Figure 9 – ECRC implementation example

6.6.2.2 Stomp code at Destination

If the Destination detects a "stomp" code (see 6.6.2), then an LCRC error shall not be logged (see 9.1.1).

6.6.3 End-to-end CRC (ECRC)

The end-to-end CRC (ECRC) shall include only the micropacket's data bytes, not the control bits, in its calculation. The ECRC shall include all of a Message's date bytes up to this point in the Message, i.e., the data bytes in the Header micropacket and in all of the Data micropackets up to this point in the Message.

All Sources not generating the original ECRC shall check the ECRC prior to transmission, and if the ECRC is in error then set ERROR = 1 in this micropacket's control bits. An ECRC_Source_Error shall be logged for only the first occurrence of this error in a Message (see 13.1). This aids in error isolation and prevents endless retransmission loops.

The ECRC generator polynomial shall be:

$$x^{16} + x^{12} + x^3 + x + 1$$

The ECRC is calculated and maintained independently for each VC. The ECRC

checker and generator for a VC shall be initialized to all ones (x'FFFF') for each Message. Figure 9 is an example ECRC serial implementation. The ECRC may be implemented in a parallel fashion rather than serial, but must produce the same results as the serial example. The c47 through c32 bits are the ECRC bits in the control word. The incoming data bits are exclusive OR'd with c32 to generate a *sum* value; the *sum* value is exclusive OR'd with selected control bits as they are shifted right once each bit period. The data bits shall be input to the generator in transmission sequence, i.e., d00.0, d00.1, d00.2, ...d00.7, d01.0...d01.7, ...d31.7. Refer to tables 3 and 4 for the transmission sequence. After passing all 256 of the micropacket's data bits, c47-through-c32 contain the most-significant through least-significant bits of the ECRC for this micropacket. The ECRC value will normally be different for each micropacket of a Message since the ECRC accumulates as the Message progresses (see table 1).

See 9.1.3 for details of a Destination's actions when checking the ECRC. See annex A.4 for the equations to generate the ECRC in a 64-bit-wide fashion.

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7 Message structure

As defined in 4.4, a Message is an ordered sequence of one or more micropackets which have the same VC, start with a Header micropacket (TYPE = Header), and have TAIL = 1 in the last micropacket. Each VC may only have a single Message in progress at any time. Since only complete micropackets are transmitted, a Message that is not an integral multiple of 32 bytes in length shall be padded in the last micropacket.

The Message header format is shown in figure 10 as a group of 32-bit words. The Media Access Control (MAC) Header, and LLC/SNAP header, shall reside in the first 24 bytes of all Header micropackets. If a parameter uses more than one byte, the lowest numbered byte is the most-significant byte. The last eight bytes of the Header may be used by other protocols, and are not defined in this standard.

7.1 MAC Header

The MAC header shall be included in all HIPPI-6400 Messages. The MAC header shall be in the first micropacket (Header micropacket) of a Message, and shall contain:

D_ULA (48 bits, DB00-DB05) – The IEEE 48-bit ULA network address, as defined in ANSI/IEEE Std 802, identifying the payload's Destination.

S_ULA (48 bits, DB06-DB11) – The IEEE 48-bit ULA network address, as defined in ANSI/IEEE Std 802, identifying the payload's Source.

M_len (32 bits, DB12-DB15) – The Message length, in bytes, following the M_len field, exclusive of any padding in the last micropacket.

7.2 LLC/SNAP header

The LLC/SNAP header, as defined in ISO/IEC 8802-2 (ANSI/IEEE Std. 802.2), shall be included in all Messages. The LLC/SNAP header shall be 64 bits (DB16-DB23) and shall immediately follow the MAC header in the first micropacket (Header micropacket). The values of the LLC/SNAP header subfields shall be: DSAP = x'AA', SSAP = x'AA', Ctl = x'03', and the three Org = x'00'. Codings of the EtherType field shall be as assigned in the current "Assigned Numbers" RFC[1]. For the convenience of the reader, HIPPI-6400-specific EtherTypes are listed below:

x'8180' = HIPPI-FP as specified in ANSI X3.210. (See annex A.)

x'8181' = Scheduled Transfer, as specified in ANSI X3.xxx, HIPPI-ST.

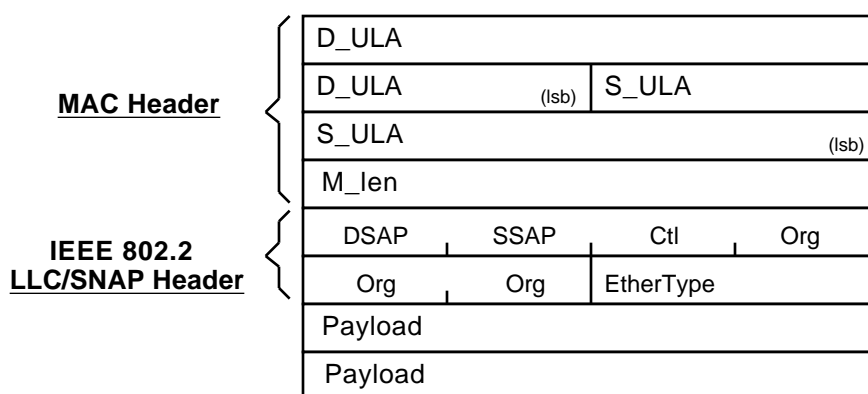x'8182' = Locally administered.

x'8183' = Reserved

Figure 10 – Header micropacket contents

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[1] RFC (Request For Comment) documents are working standards documents from the TCP/IP internetworking community. Copies of these documents are available from numerous electronic sources or by writing to Network Information Systems, SRI International, 333 Ravenswood Ave Room BJ291, Menlo Park, CA 94025.

7.3 Payload

The eight bytes following the LLC/SNAP header belong to the upper-layer protocol using this Message. The payload bytes may be used to carry additional headers, parameters, or data.

8 Source specific operations

8.1 Credit update indications on Source side

Credit update indications from the far end are received on the local Destination side, and passed to the local Source side, as shown in figure 5. A credit update shall increase the available credit, by the amount in the CR parameter, on the virtual channel whose number is the value in the VCR parameter.

If data is ready to be sent on a given VC, but credits are exhausted for this VC (i.e., credit = 0) for the duration of a timeout period, then the link is shut down (see 12.3), and a VC[0-3]_Credit_Timeout_Error logged. The default timeout value shall be 2 seconds (see 13.2).

If a credit update results in credit > 255 then the link shall be reset (see 12.1) and a VC[0-3]_Credit_Overflow_Error logged.

8.2 ACK indications on Source side

ACK indications (see 6.4 and 9.3) from the far end are received on the local Destination side, and passed to the local Source side, as shown in figure 5. An ACK indication acknowledges all of the transmitted micropackets whose TSEQ $\leq$ RSEQ, i.e., the memory allocated to these micropackets may be re-used. RSEQ = x'FF', which may occur immediately after a Reset operation (see 9.3), shall be ignored.

The ACK indication timeout indicates that a TSEQ was transmitted, but not acknowledged for the length of time longer than the worst-case round trip time possible for an acknowledgment to occur. If the ACK indication timeout expires, the Source shall retransmit all micropackets, (see 8.4), that have not been acknowledged, and shall log an RSEQ_Missing_Error (see 13.1). The ACK indication timeout default value shall be 12 µs

(see 13.2).

> NOTE – The ACK indication timeout provides a recovery mechanism even in the event of lost RSEQ values due to link errors. Faster recovery may be possible with other schemes, e.g., NAKs, but the complexity required for the performance gain did not seem worth it, especially since errors should be infrequent.

If an illegal RSEQ value is received, the Source shall retransmit all micropackets, (see 8.4), that have not been acknowledged, and log an RSEQ_Out_Of_Range_Error (see 13.1). An illegal RSEQ is one that does not equal or fall between the last successfully received RSEQ and the highest transmitted but not acknowledged TSEQ.

8.3 ACKs and credit updates to far end

The local Destination side sends ACK indications and credit update information to the far end by first queuing them to the local Source side, as shown in figure 5. The Source side shall transmit this information in micropackets using the appropriate control bits. Since the ACK indications and credit update information do not share their fields with any other parameters they can be sent with every micropacket.

The local Destination may queue multiple ACK indication RSEQ parameters before one is transmitted by the local Source end. The RSEQ parameter should be over-written so that the ACK indication Message transmitted uses the latest value of RSEQ.

8.4 Micropacket retransmissions

A retransmission sequence, as triggered by the error conditions defined in 8.2, shall consist of two consecutive training sequences (see 12) followed by retransmission of all of the unacknowledged micropackets in the Output Buffer (see figure 5).

Multiple retransmissions may be required in the event of poor link quality. The link shall be shut down (see 12.3), and a Retransmission_Error logged (see 13.1), if successful operation is not

achieved after a number of successive retransmissions of the same data. The default number is two, and it shall be programmable to other values, including 1 and 4. The mechanisms and procedures used to set values, different from the default value are outside the scope of this standard.

> NOTE – This value may need to be larger to accommodate lengthy noise hits.

> *Open Issue – The Retransmission_Error value will be the same as the sum of the RSEQ_Missing_Error and RSEQ_Out_Of_Range_Error. Instead should we count the maximum number of times successive retransmissions occur before achieving success?*

Upon retransmission, the following parameters, from the original micropacket, shall have the same value in the retransmitted micropacket.
– VC
– TYPE
– TAIL
– ERROR
– TSEQ
– VCR
– CR
– ECRC

The following parameters may change as a micropacket is retransmitted.
– RSEQ
– LCRC

9 Destination specific operations

9.1 Link level processing

The Destination shall process received micropackets in the order of the following subclauses. The unnumbered items within each subclause may be checked in any order. Note that no acknowledgment (i.e., with RSEQ) shall be given for a micropacket that is discarded.

9.1.1 Check received LCRC

– If LCRC syndrome = x'874D' (stomp code) then the Destination shall discard the micropacket, and not log an error.

– If LCRC syndrome ≠ x'0000', and ≠ x'874D' (stomp code), then the Destination shall discard the micropacket and log an LCRC_Error.

9.1.2 Check received TSEQ

If no errors were detected in 9.1.1, and TSEQ ≠ x'FF', then the following checks shall be made. TYPE < x'8' is an error. TYPE ≥ x'8', and TSEQ is not one greater than the last non-x'FF', non-stomped, TSEQ received, is also an error. In either case, the micropacket shall be discarded. Additionally, a TSEQ_Error shall be logged unless no micropackets have been accepted since the last TSEQ_Error was logged.

9.1.3 Check received ECRC

If no errors were detected in 9.1.1 or 9.1.2, then the following checks shall be made.

– If ERROR = 0 and the ECRC syndrome ≠ x'0000', then the Destination shall discard the micropacket and log an ECRC_Error.

– If ERROR = 1 and the ECRC syndrome ≠ x'0000', then the Destination shall process the micropacket as if the ECRC were correct (unless this is the Final Destination in which case an error shall be signalled to the ULP).

9.1.4 Undefined TYPE

If TYPE = undefined (in the range of x'0' - x'7') then the Destination shall treat the micropacket as a Null micropacket. If TYPE = undefined (in the range of x'8' - x'F') then intermediate Destinations shall treat the micropacket as a Data micropacket. Treatment by a Final Destination is not specified by this standard. For any undefined TYPE value, a VC[0-3]_Undefined_TYPE_Error shall be logged and the most recent offending TYPE value stored in Undefined_TYPE_Value.

> NOTE – The actions applied to Undefined TYPEs are intended to allow for future use of the Undefined TYPE values.

9.2 Check for Message protocol errors

Message protocol error checking (at the Destination) shall be done on micropackets that have not been discarded in 9.1 and its

subclauses. Since a Message is restricted to a single Virtual Channel, all Message protocol checking shall be applied to each Virtual Channel independently. Credit-only (TYPE = x'A') micropackets shall be ignored for the purposes of Message protocol checking. Otherwise, micropackets shall be checked in the order received on each Virtual Circuit.

9.2.1 Admin missing TAIL bit

If TYPE = Admin, and Tail = 0, then the Destination shall forward the Admin micropacket with ERROR = 1, and TAIL = 1. A VC[1-2]_Admin_Tail_Error shall be logged.

9.2.2 Missing start of Message

If a Message is missing the Header micropacket (i.e., a micropacket with TYPE = Data is received following a micropacket with TAIL = 1, or a Link Reset operation) then the Destination shall process the Data micropacket(s) on this VC until a micropacket with TYPE = Header or Admin is received. This processing for the Data micropackets shall consist of discarding the data bytes; their control information shall be treated normally and RSEQs shall be generated. The Header or Admin micropacket shall be treated normally. The Destination shall log a VC[0-3]_Missing_Start_of_Message_Error for each discarded Message; not log an error for each discarded Data micropacket.

9.2.3 Missing end of Message

If the end of a Message is missing (i.e., TYPE = Header or Admin following a Data, Header, or undefined TYPE ≥ x'8' micropacket with TAIL = 0) then the Destination shall fabricate an end of Message micropacket (Data Bytes = x'00', VC = as received, TYPE = Data, TAIL = 1, ERROR = 1, other parameters as appropriate). The Destination shall insert the fabricated micropacket into the VC stream, and shall log a VC[0-3]_Missing_End_of_Message_Error. The Header or Admin micropacket shall be treated normally.

9.2.4 Stall timeout

If a Message is in progress on a VC, that VC's buffer is empty, and no Data micropackets

have been received within the Stall timeout period, then the Destination shall fabricate an end of Message micropacket (Data Bytes = x'00', VC = as received, TYPE = Data, TAIL = 1, ERROR = 1, other parameters as appropriate). The Destination shall insert the fabricated micropacket into the VC stream, and shall log a VC[0-3]_Stall_Timeout_Error. This action flushes the Message in progress. The default value of the Stall timeout shall be 2 ms (see 13.2).

> NOTE – Implementors are cautioned that the Stall timeout may be triggered by a slow Source host. If slow hosts are expected, then the Stall timeout value may be set to a larger value to avoid inadvertent actions.

9.2.5 No errors detected

If no errors are detected, and TYPE = Header or Data, the micropacket shall be acknowledged and delivered to the virtual channel buffer designated by the VC parameter.

If no errors are detected, and TYPE ≠ Header or Data, the micropacket shall be processed by the Destination.

9.3 Generating ACKs

The Destination acknowledges correctly received micropackets by using the RSEQ parameter of micropackets flowing in the reverse direction. Multiple micropackets may be acknowledged with a single RSEQ (e.g., if micropackets with TSEQ = 0,1...7 are received, transmitting RSEQ = 5 acknowledges micropackets 0,1…5, but not 6 and 7). Only micropackets that are not discarded due to errors (see 9.1) and whose TYPE value is in the range x'8' – x'F' shall be acknowledged. If the Destination does not have a new value of RSEQ to send, it shall repeat the last RSEQ value.

Once an error is detected that causes a micropacket not to be acknowledged, the Destination shall not change the RSEQ value until correctly receiving a micropacket with TSEQ = RSEQ + 1 (the retransmission of the micropacket that was in error). Hence, an error

will result in a given RSEQ value being continually sent, and the Source timing out waiting for the expected RSEQ value (i.e., RSEQ > last RSEQ).

The Destination shall use RSEQ = x'FF' after a Link Reset or Initialize operation until it has received the micropacket with TSEQ = x'00'.

10 Signal line encoding

10.1 Signal line bit assignments

The data bytes and control bits shall be transmitted on the signal lines specified in table 3 for a 16-bit wide interface, and as specified in table 4 for an 8-bit wide interface. Nomenclature for the data and control bits is detailed in figure 3. Data signal lines are labeled capital D and a two-digit number, e.g., D00. Control signal lines are labeled capital C and a one-digit number, e.g., C0. The horizontal rows correspond to logical clock ticks. They are grouped in fours, corresponding to the 4b/5b coding.

Table 3 – Signal line bit assignments in a 16-bit system

bit	C3	C2	C1	C0	D 15	D 14	D 13	D 12	D 11	D 10	D 09	D 08	D 07	D 06	D 05	D 04	D 03	D 02	D 01	D 00
a	12	08	04	00	07.4	07.0	06.4	06.0	05.4	05.0	04.4	04.0	03.4	03.0	02.4	02.0	01.4	01.0	00.4	00.0
b	13	09	05	01	07.5	07.1	06.5	06.1	05.5	05.1	04.5	04.1	03.5	03.1	02.5	02.1	01.5	01.1	00.5	00.1
c	14	10	06	02	07.6	07.2	06.6	06.2	05.6	05.2	04.6	04.2	03.6	03.2	02.6	02.2	01.6	01.2	00.6	00.2
d	15	11	07	03	07.7	07.3	06.7	06.3	05.7	05.3	04.7	04.3	03.7	03.3	02.7	02.3	01.7	01.3	00.7	00.3
a	28	24	20	16	15.4	15.0	14.4	14.0	13.4	13.0	12.4	12.0	11.4	11.0	10.4	10.0	09.4	09.0	08.4	08.0
b	29	25	21	17	15.5	15.1	14.5	14.1	13.5	13.1	12.5	12.1	11.5	11.1	10.5	10.1	09.5	09.1	08.5	08.1
c	30	26	22	18	15.6	15.2	14.6	14.2	13.6	13.2	12.6	12.2	11.6	11.2	10.6	10.2	09.6	09.2	08.6	08.2
d	31	27	23	19	15.7	15.3	14.7	14.3	13.7	13.3	12.7	12.3	11.7	11.3	10.7	10.3	09.7	09.3	08.7	08.3
a	44	40	36	32	23.4	23.0	22.4	22.0	21.4	21.0	20.4	20.0	19.4	19.0	18.4	18.0	17.4	17.0	16.4	16.0
b	45	41	37	33	23.5	23.1	22.5	22.1	21.5	21.1	20.5	20.1	19.5	19.1	18.5	18.1	17.5	17.1	16.5	16.1
c	46	42	38	34	23.6	23.2	22.6	22.2	21.6	21.2	20.6	20.2	19.6	19.2	18.6	18.2	17.6	17.2	16.6	16.2
d	47	43	39	35	23.7	23.3	22.7	22.3	21.7	21.3	20.7	20.3	19.7	19.3	18.7	18.3	17.7	17.3	16.7	16.3
a	60	56	52	48	31.4	31.0	30.4	30.0	29.4	29.0	28.4	28.0	27.4	27.0	26.4	26.0	25.4	25.0	24.4	24.0
b	61	57	53	49	31.5	31.1	30.5	30.1	29.5	29.1	28.5	28.1	27.5	27.1	26.5	26.1	25.5	25.1	24.5	24.1
c	62	58	54	50	31.6	31.2	30.6	30.2	29.6	29.2	28.6	28.2	27.6	27.2	26.6	26.2	25.6	25.2	24.6	24.2
d	63	59	55	51	31.7	31.3	30.7	30.3	29.7	29.3	28.7	28.3	27.7	27.3	26.7	26.3	25.7	25.3	24.7	24.3

NOTES

1 The two-digit numbers in the C*n* columns are the control bits, c*nn.*

2 The three-digit numbers in the D*nn* columns are the data bits, d*xx.y,* where *xx* is the byte number and *y* is the bit number in the byte.

3 The 4-bit groups in a column are transmitted on the associated signal line, top group first, bottom group last.

4 The four-bit groups in a column denote 4-bit code groups (dcba) for encoding/decoding to/from the 5-bit transmission codes (zyTxw) specified in table 5. A 5-bit group code (wxTyz) is transmitted over one signal line, e.g., D00.

Table 4 – Signal line bit assignments in an 8-bit system

bit	C1	C0	D 07	D 06	D 05	D 04	D 03	D 02	D 01	D 00
					Signal lines					
a	08	00	07.0	06.0	05.0	04.0	03.0	02.0	01.0	00.0
b	09	01	07.1	06.1	05.1	04.1	03.1	02.1	01.1	00.1
c	10	02	07.2	06.2	05.2	04.2	03.2	02.2	01.2	00.2
d	11	03	07.3	06.3	05.3	04.3	03.3	02.3	01.3	00.3
a	12	04	07.4	06.4	05.4	04.4	03.4	02.4	01.4	00.4
b	13	05	07.5	06.5	05.5	04.5	03.5	02.5	01.5	00.5
c	14	06	07.6	06.6	05.6	04.6	03.6	02.6	01.6	00.6
d	15	07	07.7	06.7	05.7	04.7	03.7	02.7	01.7	00.7
a	24	16	15.0	14.0	13.0	12.0	11.0	10.0	09.0	08.0
b	25	17	15.1	14.1	13.1	12.1	11.1	10.1	09.1	08.1
c	26	18	15.2	14.2	13.2	12.2	11.2	10.2	09.2	08.2
d	27	19	15.3	14.3	13.3	12.3	11.3	10.3	09.3	08.3
a	28	20	15.4	14.4	13.4	12.4	11.4	10.4	09.4	08.4
b	29	21	15.5	14.5	13.5	12.5	11.5	10.5	09.5	08.5
c	30	22	15.6	14.6	13.6	12.6	11.6	10.6	09.6	08.6
d	31	23	15.7	14.7	13.7	12.7	11.7	10.7	09.7	08.7
a	40	32	23.0	22.0	21.0	20.0	19.0	18.0	17.0	16.0
b	41	33	23.1	22.1	21.1	20.1	19.1	18.1	17.1	16.1
c	42	34	23.2	22.2	21.2	20.2	19.2	18.2	17.2	16.2
d	43	35	23.3	22.3	21.3	20.3	19.3	18.3	17.3	16.3
a	44	36	23.4	22.4	21.4	20.4	19.4	18.4	17.4	16.4
b	45	37	23.5	22.5	21.5	20.5	19.5	18.5	17.5	16.5
c	46	38	23.6	22.6	21.6	20.6	19.6	18.6	17.6	16.6
d	47	39	23.7	22.7	21.7	20.7	19.7	18.7	17.7	16.7
a	56	48	31.0	30.0	29.0	28.0	27.0	26.0	25.0	24.0
b	57	49	31.1	30.1	29.1	28.1	27.1	26.1	25.1	24.1
c	58	50	31.2	30.2	29.2	28.2	27.2	26.2	25.2	24.2
d	59	51	31.3	30.3	29.3	28.3	27.3	26.3	25.3	24.3
a	60	52	31.4	30.4	29.4	28.4	27.4	26.4	25.4	24.4
b	61	53	31.5	30.5	29.5	28.5	27.5	26.5	25.5	24.5
c	62	54	31.6	30.6	29.6	28.6	27.6	26.6	25.6	24.6
d	63	55	31.7	30.7	29.7	28.7	27.7	26.7	25.7	24.7

NOTES:

1 The two-digit numbers in the Cn columns are the control bits, cnn.

2 The three-digit numbers in the Dnn columns are the data bits, d$xx.y$, where xx is the byte number and y is the bit number in the byte.

3 The 4-bit groups in a column are transmitted on the associated signal line, top group first, bottom group last.

4 The four-bit groups in a column denote 4-bit code groups (dcba) for encoding/decoding to/from the 5-bit transmission codes (zyTxw) specified in table 5. A 5-bit code group (wxTyz) is transmitted over one signal line, e.g., D00.

10.2 Source-side encoding for dc balance

The transmitted signals shall be encoded to achieve dc balance on each signal line. Table 5 specifies the 5-bit signal line codes (zyTxw) corresponding to the 4-bit input codes (dcba) from tables 3 and 4. For example, on signal line D00, the first dcba 4-bit code consists of bits d00.0, d00.1, d00.2, and d00.3. See annex A.1 for an example circuit.

A running count, called the Disparity Count, shall be kept of all the ones and zeros transmitted since the link was reset. The Disparity Count shall be incremented for each one transmitted, and decremented for each zero transmitted.

The appropriate 5-bit code value from table 5, based on the current value of the Disparity Count, shall be transmitted in the sequence, w,x,T,y,z. (T = true/complement bit) For example in the right column of tables 3 and 4, if:

a = d00.0 = 1 (least-significant bit)
b = d00.1 = 0
c = d00.2 = 0
d = d00.3 = 0
and Disparity Count = +1 before encoding,

then, based on the third column second row in table 5, transmit on D00:

w = 1 (transmitted first)
x = 0
T = 1
y = 0
z = 0

Disparity Count = 0 after encoding.

NOTES

1 The range for the Disparity Count at the 5-bit boundaries is from +4 to -5. The range for the Disparity Count is from +6 to -7.

2 The Disparity Count may also be updated by adding or subtracting the value of Delta Disparity shown in table 5. Add Delta Disparity if Disparity Count < 0; subtract if $\geq$ 0.

3 The 5-bit code is derived by inserting a 1 in the middle of the 4-bit code, and then transmitting either the true or complement value of the resultant 5-bit quantity.

4. The maximum run length, i.e., the longest string of continuous 1s or 0s, is 11. The string of 4-bit code points creating the maximum run length is x'EFC'. Start with Disparity Count = +3 or +4 for a string of 11 zeros. Start with Disparity Count = -4 or -5 for a string of 11 ones.

The data and control signal lines shall be synchronized with the CLOCK, CLOCK_2, and FRAME signals as shown in figures 10 and 12. Figures 11 through 14 are read left to right, i.e., events on the left occur before those on the right. In figures 11 and 13, the CLOCK_2 signal is deliberately shown skewed in relation to the CLOCK signal, although in actual implementation it may not be skewed (see 14.1).

Table 5 – 4b/5b line coding

4-bit code dcba	5-bit code when Disparity < 0 zyTxw	5-bit code when Disparity $\geq$ 0 zyTxw	Delta Disparity
0000	11011	00100	3
0001	11010	00101	1
0010	11001	00110	1
0011	00111	11000	1
0100	10011	01100	1
0101	01101	10010	1
0110	01110	10001	1
0111	01111	10000	3
1000	01011	10100	1
1001	10101	01010	1
1010	10110	01001	1
1011	10111	01000	3
1100	11100	00011	1
1101	11101	00010	3
1110	11110	00001	3
1111	11111	00000	5

10.3 Destination-side decoding

The received signals shall each be decoded in groups of five bits according to table 5.

NOTES

1 Decoding can be implemented by examining the middle bit of the 5-bit code; if 1 then use the outer bits uncomplemented, if 0 then complement before use.

2 There are no illegal 5-bit codes.

Figure 11 – 16-bit system micropacket

Figure 12 – 8-bit system micropacket

10.4 FRAME signal

The FRAME signal transitions shall be as shown in figures 11 through 14. As shown in figures 13 and 14, the start of a training sequence (40 ns long) shall be signaled by a 10101 FRAME signal pattern.

As shown in figures 11 and 12, a 0 to 1 transition on the FRAME signal shall signal the beginning of a micropacket, unless the transition is part of a training sequence. In a micropacket, the FRAME signal shall remain = 1 for the first half of the micropacket (20 ns), and shall = 0 for the last half (20 ns).

11 Link training

The Destination shall compensate for up to 10 ns of skew among the signals. Skew is defined as the time between the earliest and latest signal arrival at the Destination. Training sequences (see figures 13 and 14) shall be used to measure the skew, and perform dynamic skew adjustments. A FRAME signal pattern of 10101, as specified in 10.4, shall be used to identify a training sequence.

Figure 13 – 16-bit system training sequence

Figure 14 – 8-bit system training sequence

A single training sequence shall be inserted by the Source at least every 10 μs to adjust the dynamic skew, and also to compensate for CLOCK frequency differences between the Source and Destination (see annex A.2) During the first portion of a training sequence the Source shall insert appropriate Data and Control bits to drive the Disparity Count (see 10.2) on those signal lines to 0 or -1. The Disparity Count shall be set to zero at the end of the training sequence.

If a training sequence is unsuccessful, after the link had been healthy, then a Skew_Retraining_Error shall be logged.

12 Initialization and Shutdown

Two levels of initialization are specified, Link Reset and Initialize. They differ in whether the action may be propagated to other links. These operations are diagrammed in figure 15. Link Shutdown occurs when the link is fatally flawed, and requires administrator intervention for recovery.

12.1 Link Reset

Link Reset affects the local link only, it is not propagated to other links. Link Reset may be triggered by power-on, the local administrator, a Port_Reset Admin command, credit overflow, or receiving a micropacket with TYPE = Reset.

A Link Reset operation shall execute training sequences, and reset the local state, exiting with:

– All of the VC input and output buffers shall be emptied.

– Credit for all of the VCs shall be set to zero.

– TSEQ shall be reset to x'00'; RSEQ shall be set to x'FF'.

– The dynamic skew compensation circuitry adjusted, and micropackets being received correctly.

– The Disparity Count will have been set to minus one.

– The other end of the link will have also executed a Link Reset operation.

During a Link Reset operation micropackets with TYPE ≠ x'2' - x'5' shall be discarded, and the error logging specified in clause 9 shall not occur. The error counts accessible by Admin operation (see table 6) shall not be modified by a Link Reset operation except when first coming out of a power-on or Initialize operation.

12.2 Initialize

Initialize resets the local link as defined in 12.1, and is passed to the administrator for possible propagation to other entities. Initialize may be triggered by the local administrator, a Port_Initialize Admin command, or receiving a micropacket with TYPE = Initialize (see 6.3.1).

During an Initialize operation micropackets with TYPE ≠ x'4' or x'5' shall be discarded, and the error logging specified in clause 9 shall occur. The error counts accessible by Admin operations (see table 6) shall not be modified by an Initialize operation. All timeout timers (see table 7) shall be initialized at the completion of the Initialize operation.

12.3 Link Shutdown

A Link Shutdown occurs when:

– The number of times retransmission occurs exceeds some limit (see 8.4).

–The Source has been unable to transmit due to lack of credit (see 8.1).

–A Destination receives micropackets for a VC whose VC Buffer (see figure 5) is full. In this case, a VC[0-3]_RX_VC_Buffer_Overflow error logged shall be logged.

–The link does not come out of a Link Reset or Initialize operation within a default time of 0.5 seconds (see 13.2). In this case, a Skew_Training_Reset_Error shall also be logged. This time is measured from the time the Hold-off timer is started in figure 15.
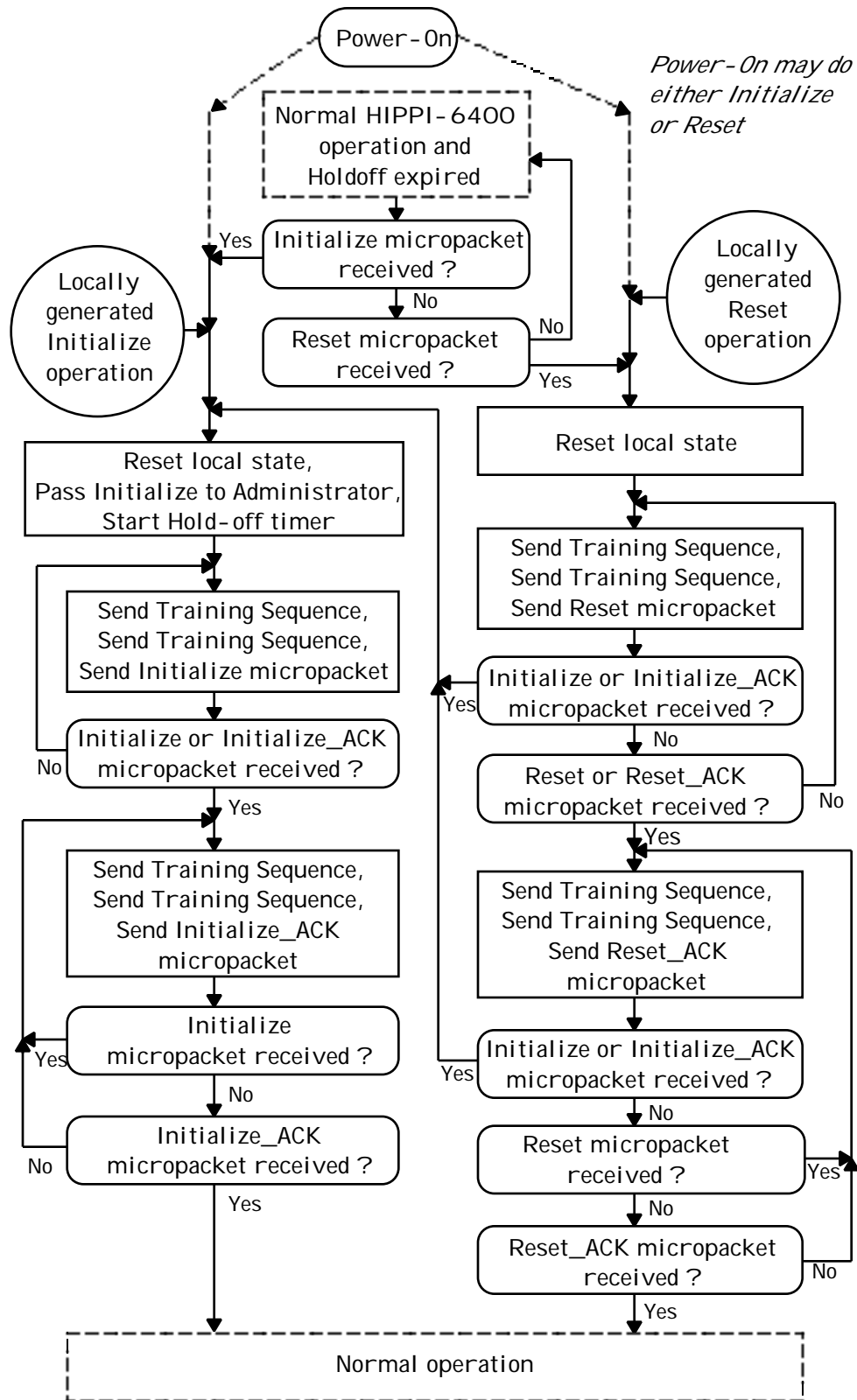
Figure 15 – Initialize and Link Reset operations

All of the VC input and output buffers shall be emptied. While the link is shutdown, incoming micropackets with TYPE = x'2'-x'5' shall be processed, all other micropackets shall be discarded. External administrative action beyond the scope of this standard may be required to recover from a Link Shutdown. Note that administrative actions may clear the error counts accessible by Admin operations (see table 6).

Until expired, the Hold-off timer shall be used to prohibit incoming TYPE = Initialize micropackets from starting an Initialize sequence. The Hold-off timer shall be started by receipt of a TYPE = Initialize_ACK micropacket. The default value for the Hold-off timer shall be 10 seconds (see 13.2). The intent of the Hold-off timer is to prevent infinite Initialize oscillations between connected devices.

13 Maintenance and control features

13.1 Logged errors

Table 6 contains a summary of the errors that shall be logged, the minimum number of bits for the parameter, and the location in this standard discussing the error. A counter shall not roll over if its maximum value is reached.

13.2 Timeouts

Table 7 contains a summary of the timeouts, their default value, and the location in this standard discussing the timeout. All of the timeouts shall be programmable, at least to values of 2X, 1/2X, and 1/4X. The mechanisms and procedures used to set values, different from the default values, are outside the scope of this standard.

14 Timing

14.1 Source CLOCK signals

The transmitted CLOCK, and CLOCK_2, signals at the Source bulkhead connector shall have a nominal period of 4 ns ± 0.8 ps (± 0.02%, i.e., 200 parts per million) for a 16-bit system, and a period of 2 ns ± 0.2 ps (±0.01%, i.e., 100 parts per million) for an 8-bit system. During a training sequence, the Source CLOCK signal waveform shall be as shown in figures 13 and 14. The CLOCK_2 signal shall be a constant square wave. Note that the CLOCK_2 signal is only present in 16-bit systems. The phase relationship between CLOCK and CLOCK_2 shall be any constant value.

Open Issue – The CLOCK_2 frequency of 250 MHz is open for discussion – it may be changed to a lower frequency for easier detection.

CLOCK, and CLOCK_2, symmetry, measured as the percentage of time in the high state compared to the total CLOCK period, shall be 50 (±5) %. Peak jitter shall be less than 0.05 ns for a 16-bit system; less than 0.025 ns for an 8-bit system.

14.2 Destination CLOCK signals

The intended uses of the separate CLOCK and CLOCK_2 signals are:

– to provide a separate signal that can be monitored for activity without affecting the signal used for strobing the other signals. If inactivity is detected, the other signals should be ignored to avoid spurious error indications.

– to support different skew compensation implementations. The CLOCK signal used to strobe the signals during retraining shall also be used to strobe the signals during regular operation.

Table 6 – Summary of logged errors

Name	Minimum Number of bits	Reference
ECRC_Error	8	9.1.3
ECRC_Source_Error	8	6.6.3
LCRC_Error	8	9.1.1
Retransmission_Error	8	8.4
RSEQ_Missing_Error	8	8.2
RSEQ_Out_Of_Range_Error	8	8.2
Skew_Retraining_Error	1	12
Skew_Training_Reset_Error	1	12.3
TSEQ_Error	8	9.1.2
Undefined_TYPE_Value	4	9.1.4
VC[1-2]_Admin_Tail_Error	1/2	9.2.1
VC[0-3]_Credit_Overflow_Error	1/4	8.1
VC[0-3]_Missing_End_of_Message_Error	1/4	9.2.3
VC[0-3]_Missing_Start_of_Message_Error	1/4	9.2.2
VC[0-3]_Stall_Timeout_Error	1/4	9.2.4
VC[0-3]_RX_VC_Buffer_Overflow	1/4	12.3
VC[0-3]_Undefined_TYPE_Error	1/4	9.1.4
VC[0-3]_Credit_Timeout_Error	1/4	8.1

NOTE – The 1/4 entries under the Number of bits column means that there is one bit for an error, e.g., for VC0_Missing_End_of_Message_Error, and a total of four errors possible (i.e., one for each VC).

Table 7 – Summary of timeouts

Name	Default value	Reference
ACK indication timeout	12 µs	8.2
Credit timeout	2 s	8.1
Hold-off timer	10 s	12.3
Reset or Initialize timeout	0.5 s	12.3
Stall timeout	2 ms	9.2.4

Open Issue – The values for the Holdoff and Reset timers are still under discussion.

14.3 FRAME, Data, and Control signals

The FRAME signal shall be strobed on the rising edge of the CLOCK signal. The Data and Control signals shall be strobed on both edges of the CLOCK signal.

15 Copper interface (optional)

15.1 General

The copper interface is only applicable to 16-bit systems. Unless otherwise specified, all parameters shall be measured at the bulkhead connector of the Source or Destination equipment. Specifications shall be met when operating with a specified cable and termination. Figure 16 shows the components used in a signal path.

15.2 Electrical output interface

Differential drivers shall be used on all signal lines. Signals in the 'true' or '1' state shall have the xx_Out_p pin more positive than the xx_Out_n pin. Rise and fall times shall be measured at the 20% and 80% points of the signal transition.

– Maximum high-level output voltage = 2.69 V

– Minimum high-level output voltage = 2.20 V

– Maximum low-level output voltage = 0.28 V

– Minimum low-level output voltage = 0 V

– Maximum rise time = 350 ps

– Minimum rise time = 100 ps

– Maximum fall time = 350 ps

– Minimum fall time = 100 ps

– Pair-to-pair skew ≤ TBD

– Within pair skew ≤ TBD

Open Issue – These values were picked as the voltages at the SuMAC, and will need to be adjusted for measurement at the bulkhead connector.

The Source coupling network shall consist of ....

Open Issue – What should the Reserved pins be tied to? Signal ground? Shield ground? Left open?

15.3 Electrical input interface

All differential line receivers shall operate correctly when receiving signals meeting the following voltage specifications at the Destination connector:

– Minimum peak-to-peak differential input voltage = 150 mV

– Input High voltage ≤

– Input Low voltage ≥

The Destination coupling network between the cable and the receiver shall consist of ....

Open Issue – The parameter values need to be filled in, and the coupling network specified.

15.4 Electrical connector

The cable connectors shall be a two-row, 100-pin connectors as shown in figure xx. Pin assignments are shown in figure 17. Reserved pins shall not be connected.

Open Issue – The connector drawings will be added when time permits.

These connector specifications shall apply for up to 10,000 mating cycles. Each pin shall have a ≥ 1 A current capability, with the total current capability for all pins simultaneously shall be ≥ 5 A.
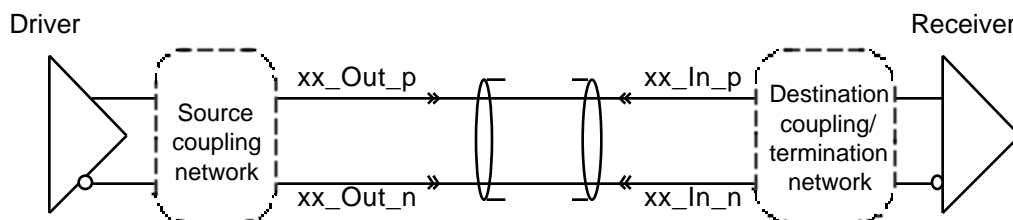

Figure 16 – Signal path

> *Open Issue – The connector pin assignments shown in figure 17 changed since Rev 0.5. The new assignments need to be checked.*

The connectors shall provide RFI/EMI shielding sufficient to pass all appropriate compliance tests.

Attenuation shall be ≤ 0.1 dB. When multiple pairs are driven differentially with a 100 ps risetime (20% – 80%) pulse, near end crosstalk shall be $\leq 10\%$.

Latches shall be used to hold the connectors in the mated position. To prevent damage, if someone trips over a cable, the connector shall un-mate, without damage, when a pull force of TBD pounds is applied in the direction of the cable exit.

> *Open Issue – This is a first pass at these specifications, hence they need review and refinement.*

15.5 Cable specifications

The cable shall provide differential paths for 46 signals, 23 in each direction. Cable length is determined by cable quality, environmental factors, and the possible use of equalizers. All cable assemblies (cable and optional equalizer if used) shall meet the following specifications:

– Impedance = $150 \ \Omega \pm 10\%$

– Pair-to-pair skew ≤ 5 ns

– Within-pair skew ≤ 250 ps

– Attenuation @ 250 MHz ≤ 20 dB

– Outside diameter ≤ 0.665 in (16.9 mm)

– Jacket material = CL-2.2P/FT6 (plenum rated)

– Bend radius ≤ 6 in (152 mm)

The cable shall provide individual shields, or equivalent, for each differential path. These individual shields shall be floating, i.e., not connected to each other, to the overall shield, or to the connector. There shall be an overall shield. At one end of the cable the overall shield shall be connected to pin 50, and insulated from the connector backshell; pin 51 shall not be connected. At the other end of the cable the overall shield shall be connected to pin 51, and connected to the backshell; pin 50 shall not be connected. On the chassis side of the connector, pin 51 shall be connected to chassis ground, and pin 50 connected to chassis ground through a TBD capacitor.

The reserved pins shall not be connected.

16 Optical interface (optional)

16.1 General

> *Open Issue - Width of interface – 8+2+1+1?*

> *Open Issue - Signalling frequency, tolerance*

> *Open Issue - What is the shape of the FRAME signal?*

16.2 Optical output interface

> *Open Issue - Optical parameters – wavelength, power, ...*

> *Open Issue - What is the output skew specification?*

16.3 Optical input interface

> *Open Issue - Optical parameters – power...*

> *Open Issue - What is the input skew specification?*

16.4 Optical connector

> *Open Issue - Connector pin assignments*

> *Open Issue - Connector specifications?*

> *Open Issue - Different connectors at Source and Destination? Same with keying?*

> *Open Issue - Field termination of connectors*

16.5 Optical cable specifications

> *Open Issue - Cable type, number of fibers*

Shield	51	1	CLOCK_2_Out_p
D00_Out_p	52	2	CLOCK_2_Out_n
D00_Out_n	53	3	D08_Out_p
D01_Out_p	54	4	D08_Out_n
D01_Out_n	55	5	D09_Out_p
D02_Out_p	56	6	D09_Out_n
D02_Out_n	57	7	D10_Out_p
D03_Out_p	58	8	D10_Out_n
D03_Out_n	59	9	D11_Out_p
D04_Out_p	60	10	D11_Out_n
D04_Out_n	61	11	D12_Out_p
D05_Out_p	62	12	D12_Out_n
D05_Out_n	63	13	D13_Out_p
D06_Out_p	64	14	D13_Out_n
D06_Out_n	65	15	D14_Out_p
D07_Out_p	66	16	D14_Out_n
D07_Out_n	67	17	D15_Out_p
C0_Out_p	68	18	D15_Out_n
C0_Out_n	69	19	C2_Out_p
C1_Out_p	70	20	C2_Out_n
C1_Out_n	71	21	C3_Out_p
CLOCK_Out_p	72	22	C3_Out_n
CLOCK_Out_n	73	23	FRAME_Out_p
Ground	74	24	FRAME_Out_n
Ground	75	25	Power
Ground	76	26	Power
FRAME_In_n	77	27	Power
FRAME_In_p	78	28	CLOCK_In_n
C3_In_n	79	29	CLOCK_In_p
C3_In_p	80	30	C1_In_n
C2_In_n	81	31	C1_In_p
C2_In_p	82	32	C0_In_n
D15_In_n	83	33	C0_In_p
D15_In_p	84	34	D07_In_n
D14_In_n	85	35	D07_In_p
D14_In_p	86	36	D06_In_n
D13_In_n	87	37	D06_In_p
D13_In_p	88	38	D05_In_n
D12_In_n	89	39	D05_In_p
D12_In_p	90	40	D04_In_n
D11_In_n	91	41	D04_In_p
D11_In_p	92	42	D03_In_n
D10_In_n	93	43	D03_In_p
D10_In_p	94	44	D02_In_n
D09_In_n	95	45	D02_In_p
D09_In_p	96	46	D01_In_n
D08_In_n	97	47	D01_In_p
D08_In_p	98	48	D00_In_n
CLOCK_2_In_n	99	49	D00_In_p
CLOCK_2_In_p	100	50	Shield

**Figure 17 – Bulkhead connector pin
assignments**

Open Issue - Cable length

Open Issue - Cable optical specs. – loss, crosstalk, relative skew, ...

Open Issue - Cable mechanical – fiber pitch, size, jacket material

Annex A

(informative)

Implementation comments

A.1 4b/5b encoding and decoding

Encoding the 4-bit code groups into 5-bit transmission codes may be implemented as shown in the left portion of the example in figure A.1. Decoding the 4-bit code from the 5-bit code may be implemented as shown in the right portion of figure A.1. The specification for the encoding and decoding is in 10.2 and 10.3.

A.2 Frequency differences between Source and Destination

Although the two ends of a HIPPI-6400 link run at nominally the same speed, there can be very slight differences in clock frequency due to inaccuracy of the crystal oscillators at each end. If a transmitter is allowed to send an very long burst of continuous traffic, this will eventually cause a receiver to overrun if that receiver's clock is slightly slower than the transmitter's clock.

To prevent this condition, the length of continuous data transmission is limited by inserting non-data micropackets (training sequences in HIPPI-6400-PH) periodically. The frequency of training sequences is determined by the potential inaccuracy of the oscillators and the amount of drift the receiver can tolerate. With ± 200 ppm of frequency error (see 14.1), the total clock error could be as large as 400 ppm, since the sender and receiver could be off in opposite directions. Allowing a drift of 4 ns before correction, takes 4 ns x (1/400 ppm) = 10 µs. Hence, the requirement that HIPPI-6400-PH transmitters insert retraining sequences at least every 10 µs.

Figure A.1 – Encode / decode circuit example

A.3 LCRC parallel implementation

The LCRC specified in 6.6.2 and figure 8 is based on a bit-by-bit serial implementation. Parallel implementations may be used as long as they produce the same results as the serial example. Tables A.3 and A.4 give equations for 16-bit and 64-bit parallel LCRC implementations, useful for LCRC generation as shown in figure A.2. Table A.5 gives 80-bit parallel equations for LCRC checking, as shown in figure A.3. Other parallel widths may be used, these are just examples.

For these LCRC equations, c63 through c48 are the flip-flops shown in figure 8, and the resultant LCRC control bits. bn are the bits which must be delivered to the parallel equation simultaneously. b0 is the first bit which would have been supplied to the serial implementation. The rn bits are the all 1's seed value, and the intermediate results from the Partial LCRC Register.

A.3.1 Parallel LCRC generator

Parallel LCRC generation can be accomplished by cascading 16-bit parallel equations and 64-bit parallel equations as shown in Figure A.2. Four clock periods are used to produce the LCRC value for a micropacket. Table A.1 summarizes the input bits for each clock period.

Table A.1 – Parallel LCRC input bits

Clock Period	b79:64	b63:00	Mux output
1	c00–c15	d00.0–d07.7	x'FFFF'
2	c16–c31	d08.0–d15.7	partial
3	c32–c47	d16.0–d23.7	partial
4	c48–c63	d24.0–d31.7	partial

a During the first period, the c00–c15 are applied to the 16-bit equations, and the 64 bits d00.0–d07.7 are applied to the 64-bit LCRC equations. Note that for this first cycle only, the multiplexer is set to force x'FFFF' as the 16-bit partial LCRC value, (i.e., initializing with a value of all ones). The register is clocked after the signals have settled.

b During the second period, c16–c31 are applied to the 16-bit equations, and d08.0–d15.7 are applied to 64-bit equations. The register is clocked a second time.

c During the third period, c32–c47 are applied to the 16-bit equations, and d16.0–d23.7 are applied to the 64-bit equations. The register is clocked a third time.

d During the fourth, and final, period, the c48–c63 values presented to the 16-bit equations are immaterial (they are just included for consistency with the LCRC checker), and d24.0–d31.7 are applied to the 64-bit equations – the register is not clocked. After appropriate settling time, the LCRC is available as c63–c48 (c63 is the msb).

Figure A.2 – Parallel LCRC generator example

A.3.2 Parallel LCRC checker

Like the LCRC generator, the LCRC checker uses four clock periods to produce the LCRC check value. The LCRC checker can use a single set of 80-bit equations as shown in figure A.3 rather than cascading 16-bit and 64-bit equations. The difference between the generator and checker is that the generator does not include the LCRC bits (c63:48) in the calculation's final step, while the checker

includes them. A final LCRC value of x'0000' means no error; x'06A9' means a stomp code. The input bits are also summarized in table A.1, and the time steps are essentially the same.

Figure A.3 – Parallel LCRC checker example

A.4 ECRC parallel implementation

The ECRC specified in 6.6.3 and figure 9 is based on a bit-by-bit serial implementation. Parallel implementations may be used as long as they produce the same results as the serial example. Table A.6 gives equations for a 64-bit parallel ECRC implementation as shown in figure A.4. Other parallel widths may be used, this is just an example.

For these ECRC equations, c47 through c32 are the flip-flops shown in figure 9, and the resultant ECRC control bits. bn are the bits which must be delivered to the parallel equation simultaneously. b0 is the first bit which would have been supplied to the serial implementation. The rn bits are the all 1's seed value, and the intermediate results from the Partial ECRC Register. Four partial ECRC registers are required since the ECRC is continued across multiple micropackets, and the micropackets from different VC's can be interleaved. Four clock periods are used to

produce the ECRC value for a micropacket. Table A.2 summarizes the input bits for each clock period.
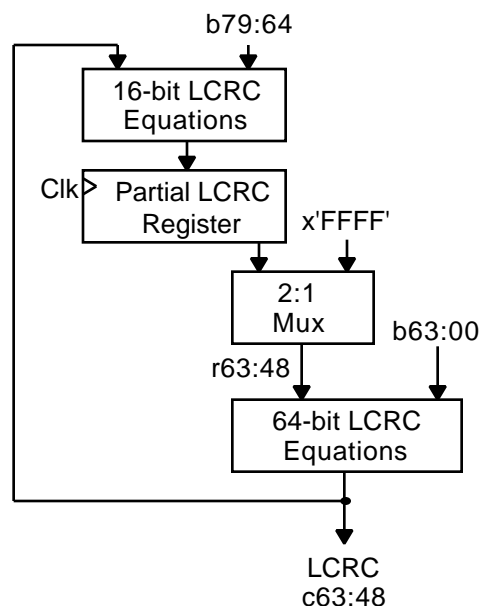
Table A.2 – Parallel ECRC input bits

Clock Period	b63:00	Mux output
1	d00.0–d07.7	*(see text)*
2	d08.0–d15.7	partial
3	d16.0–d23.7	partial
4	d24.0–d31.7	partial

a During the first period, the 64 bits d00.0–d07.7 are applied to the 64-bit ECRC equations. Note that for this first cycle only, and only if this is the first micropacket of a Message, the multiplexer is set to force x'FFFF' as the 16-bit partial ECRC value, (i.e., initializing with a value of all ones). The appropriate VC partial register is clocked after the signals have settled.

b During the second period, d08.0–d15.7 are applied to 64-bit equations. The appropriate register is clocked a second time.

c During the third period, d16.0–d23.7 are applied to the 64-bit equations. The appropriate register is clocked a third time.

d During the fourth, and final, period, d24.0–d31.7 are applied to the 64-bit equations. After appropriate settling time, and without clocking the register, the ECRC is available as c63–c48 (c63 is the msb).

A.5 Undetected errors

Simulations have shown that all cases of up to five simultaneous bit errors in a micropacket are detected. Four cases of 4-bit errors are not detected by LCRC or ECRC errors, but are detected by other tests, e.g., bad TSEQ values.

Figure A.4 – Parallel ECRC example

Table A.3 – 16-bit LCRC generator equations

Output	Exclusive OR these bits together													
r63	b79	b75	b71	b68	b67	c63	c59	c55	c52	c51				
r62	b78	b74	b70	b67	b66	c62	c58	c54	c51	c50				
r61	b77	b73	b69	b66	b65	c61	c57	c53	c50	c49				
r60	b76	b72	b68	b65	b64	c60	c56	c52	c49	c48				
r59	b75	b71	b67	b64	c59	c55	c51	c48						
r58	b79	b75	b74	b71	b70	b68	b67	b66	c63	c59	c58	c55	c54	c52	c51	c50
r57	b78	b74	b73	b70	b69	b67	b66	b65	c62	c58	c57	c54	c53	c51	c50	c49
r56	b77	b73	b72	b69	b68	b66	b65	b64	c61	c57	c56	c53	c52	c50	c49	c48
r55	b76	b72	b71	b68	b67	b65	b64	c60	c56	c55	c52	c51	c49	c48		
r54	b75	b71	b70	b67	b66	b64	c59	c55	c54	c51	c50	c48			
r53	b74	b70	b69	b66	b65	c58	c54	c53	c50	c49				
r52	b73	b69	b68	b65	b64	c57	c53	c52	c49	c48				
r51	b79	b75	b72	b71	b64	c63	c59	c56	c55	c48				
r50	b78	b74	b71	b70	c62	c58	c55	c54						
r49	b77	b73	b70	b69	c61	c57	c54	c53						
r48	b76	b72	b69	b68	c60	c56	c53	c52						

Table A.4 – 64-bit LCRC generator equations

Output	Exclusive OR these bits together														
c63	b63	b59	b55	b52	b51	b44	b43	b41	b37	b36	b35	b31	b30	b28	b21	b15
	b14	b12	b11	b8	b7	b5	b0	r63	r62	r60	r59	r56	r55	r53	r48	
c62	b62	b58	b54	b51	b50	b43	b42	b40	b36	b35	b34	b30	b29	b27	b20	b14
	b13	b11	b10	b7	b6	b4	r62	r61	r59	r58	r55	r54	r52			
c61	b61	b57	b53	b50	b49	b42	b41	b39	b35	b34	b33	b29	b28	b26	b19	b13
	b12	b10	b9	b6	b5	b3	r61	r60	r58	r57	r54	r53	r51			
c60	b60	b56	b52	b49	b48	b41	b40	b38	b34	b33	b32	b28	b27	b25	b18	b12
	b11	b9	b8	b5	b4	b2	r60	r59	r57	r56	r53	r52	r50			
c59	b59	b55	b51	b48	b47	b40	b39	b37	b33	b32	b31	b27	b26	b24	b17	b11
	b10	b8	b7	b4	b3	b1	r59	r58	r56	r55	r52	r51	r49			
c58	b63	b59	b58	b55	b54	b52	b51	b50	b47	b46	b44	b43	b41	b39	b38	b37
	b35	b32	b28	b26	b25	b23	b21	b16	b15	b14	b12	b11	b10	b9	b8	b6
	b5	b3	b2	r63	r62	r60	r59	r58	r57	r56	r54	r53	r51	r50		
c57	b62	b58	b57	b54	b53	b51	b50	b49	b46	b45	b43	b42	b40	b38	b37	b36
	b34	b31	b27	b25	b24	b22	b20	b15	b14	b13	b11	b10	b9	b8	b7	b5
	b4	b2	b1	r63	r62	r61	r59	r58	r57	r56	r55	r53	r52	r50	r49	
c56	b61	b57	b56	b53	b52	b50	b49	b48	b45	b44	b42	b41	b39	b37	b36	b35
	b33	b30	b26	b24	b23	b21	b19	b14	b13	b12	b10	b9	b8	b7	b6	b4
	b3	b1	b0	r62	r61	r60	r58	r57	r56	r55	r54	r52	r51	r49	r48	
c55	b60	b56	b55	b52	b51	b49	b48	b47	b44	b43	b41	b40	b38	b36	b35	b34
	b32	b29	b25	b23	b22	b20	b18	b13	b12	b11	b9	b8	b7	b6	b5	b3
	b2	b0	r61	r60	r59	r57	r56	r55	r54	r53	r51	r50	r48			
c54	b59	b55	b54	b51	b50	b48	b47	b46	b43	b42	b40	b39	b37	b35	b34	b33
	b31	b28	b24	b22	b21	b19	b17	b12	b11	b10	b8	b7	b6	b5	b4	b2
	b1	r60	r59	r58	r56	r55	r54	r53	r52	r50	r49					
c53	b58	b54	b53	b50	b49	b47	b46	b45	b42	b41	b39	b38	b36	b34	b33	b32
	b30	b27	b23	b21	b20	b18	b16	b11	b10	b9	b7	b6	b5	b4	b3	b1
	b0	r59	r58	r57	r55	r54	r53	r52	r51	r49	r48					
c52	b57	b53	b52	b49	b48	b46	b45	b44	b41	b40	b38	b37	b35	b33	b32	b31
	b29	b26	b22	b20	b19	b17	b15	b10	b9	b8	b6	b5	b4	b3	b2	b0
	r63	r58	r57	r56	r54	r53	r52	r51	r50	r48						
c51	b63	b59	b56	b55	b48	b47	b45	b41	b40	b39	b35	b34	b32	b25	b19	b18
	b16	b15	b12	b11	b9	b4	b3	b2	b1	b0	r63	r60	r59	r57	r52	r51
	r50	r49	r48													
c50	b62	b58	b55	b54	b47	b46	b44	b40	b39	b38	b34	b33	b31	b24	b18	b17
	b15	b14	b11	b10	b8	b3	b2	b1	b0	r63	r62	r59	r58	r56	r51	r50
	r49	r48														
c49	b61	b57	b54	b53	b46	b45	b43	b39	b38	b37	b33	b32	b30	b23	b17	b16
	b14	b13	b10	b9	b7	b2	b1	b0	r62	r61	r58	r57	r55	r50	r49	r48
c48	b60	b56	b53	b52	b45	b44	b42	b38	b37	b36	b32	b31	b29	b22	b16	b15
	b13	b12	b9	b8	b6	b1	b0	r63	r61	r60	r57	r56	r54	r49	r48	

Table A.5 – 80-bit LCRC checker equations

Output	Exclusive OR these bits together														
c63	b79 b30 r63	b75 b28 r62	b71 b27 r61	b68 b24 r60	b67 b23 r57	b60 b21 r55	b59 b16 r53	b57 b15 r52	b53 b14 r50	b52 b13	b51 b12	b47 b9	b46 b7	b44 b5	b37 b4	b31 b2
c62	b78 b29 r63	b74 b27 r62	b70 b26 r61	b67 b23 r60	b66 b22 r59	b59 b20 r56	b58 b15 r54	b56 b14 r52	b52 b13 r51	b51 b12 r49	b50 b11	b46 b8	b45 b6	b43 b4	b36 b3	b30 b1
c61	b77 b28 r62	b73 b26 r61	b69 b25 r60	b66 b22 r59	b65 b21 r58	b58 b19 r55	b57 b14 r53	b55 b13 r51	b51 b12 r50	b50 b11 r48	b49 b10	b45 b7	b44 b5	b42 b3	b35 b2	b29 b0
c60	b76 b27 r60	b72 b25 r59	b68 b24 r58	b65 b21 r57	b64 b20 r54	b57 b18 r52	b56 b13 r50	b54 b12 r49	b50 b11	b49 b10	b48 b9	b44 b6	b43 b4	b41 b2	b34 b1	b28 r61
c59	b75 b26 r59	b71 b24 r58	b67 b23 r57	b64 b20 r56	b63 b19 r53	b56 b17 r51	b55 b12 r49	b53 b11 r48	b49 b10	b48 b9	b47 b8	b43 b5	b42 b3	b40 b1	b33 b0	b27 r60
c58	b79 b51 b21 r59	b75 b48 b19 r58	b74 b44 b18 r56	b71 b42 b15 r53	b70 b41 b14 r48	b68 b39 b13	b67 b37 b12	b66 b32 b11	b63 b31 b10	b62 b30 b8	b60 b28 b5	b59 b27 b0	b57 b26 r63	b55 b25 r62	b54 b24 r61	b53 b22 r60
c57	b78 b50 b20 r57	b74 b47 b18 r55	b73 b43 b17 r52	b70 b41 b14	b69 b40 b13	b67 b38 b12	b66 b36 b11	b65 b31 b10	b62 b30 b9	b61 b29 b7	b59 b27 b4	b58 b26 r62	b56 b25 r61	b54 b24 r60	b53 b23 r59	b52 b21 r58
c56	b77 b49 b19 r56	b73 b46 b17 r54	b72 b42 b16 r51	b69 b40 b13	b68 b39 b12	b66 b37 b11	b65 b35 b10	b64 b30 b9	b61 b29 b8	b60 b28 b6	b58 b26 b3	b57 b25 r61	b55 b24 r60	b53 b23 r59	b52 b22 r58	b51 b20 r57
c55	b76 b48 b18 r56	b72 b45 b16 r55	b71 b41 b15 r53	b68 b39 b12 r50	b67 b38 b11	b65 b36 b10	b64 b34 b9	b63 b29 b8	b60 b28 b7	b59 b27 b5	b57 b25 b2	b56 b24 r63	b54 b23 r60	b52 b22 r59	b51 b21 r58	b50 b19 r57
c54	b75 b47 b17 r56	b71 b44 b15 r55	b70 b40 b14 r54	b67 b38 b11 r52	b66 b37 b10 r49	b64 b35 b9	b63 b33 b8	b62 b28 b7	b59 b27 b6	b58 b26 b4	b56 b24 b1	b55 b23 r63	b53 b22 r62	b51 b21 r59	b50 b20 r58	b49 b18 r57
c53	b74 b46 b16 r55	b70 b43 b14 r54	b69 b39 b13 r53	b66 b37 b10 r51	b65 b36 b9 r48	b63 b34 b8	b62 b32 b7	b61 b27 b6	b58 b26 b5	b57 b25 b3	b55 b23 b0	b54 b22 r62	b52 b21 r61	b50 b20 r58	b49 b19 r57	b48 b17 r56
c52	b73 b45 b15 r54	b69 b42 b13 r53	b68 b38 b12 r52	b65 b36 b9 r50	b64 b35 b8	b62 b33 b7	b61 b31 b6	b60 b26 b5	b57 b25 b4	b56 b24 b2	b54 b22 r63	b53 b21 r61	b51 b20 r60	b49 b19 r57	b48 b18 r56	b47 b16 r55
c51	b79 b32 b2	b75 b31 b1	b72 b28 r61	b71 b27 r59	b64 b25 r57	b63 b20 r56	b61 b19 r54	b57 b18 r51	b56 b17 r50	b55 b16 r49	b51 b13	b50 b11	b48 b9	b41 b8	b35 b6	b34 b3
c50	b78 b31 b1	b74 b30 b0	b71 b27 r63	b70 b26 r60	b63 b24 r58	b62 b19 r56	b60 b18 r55	b56 b17 r53	b55 b16 r50	b54 b15 r49	b50 b12 r48	b49 b10	b47 b8	b40 b7	b34 b5	b33 b2
c49	b77 b30 b0	b73 b29 r63	b70 b26 r62	b69 b25 r59	b62 b23 r57	b61 b18 r55	b59 b17 r54	b55 b16 r52	b54 b15 r49	b53 b14 r48	b49 b11	b48 b9	b46 b7	b39 b6	b33 b4	b32 b1
c48	b76 b29 r63	b72 b28 r62	b69 b25 r61	b68 b24 r58	b61 b22 r56	b60 b17 r54	b58 b16 r53	b54 b15 r51	b53 b14 r48	b52 b13	b48 b10	b47 b8	b45 b6	b38 b5	b32 b3	b31 b0

Table A.6 – 64-bit ECRC generator / checker equations

Output	Exclusive OR these bits together
c47	b63 b59 b55 b51 b50 b48 b43 b42 b40 b37 b35 b34 b32 b31 b29 b26 b22 b20 b19 b18 b17 b13 b11 b10 b7 b6 b4 b3 b2 b1 r45 r43 r42 r39 r38 r36 r35 r34 r33
c46	b63 b62 b59 b58 b55 b54 b51 b49 b48 b47 b43 b41 b40 b39 b37 b36 b35 b33 b32 b30 b29 b28 b26 b25 b22 b21 b20 b16 b13 b12 b11 b9 b7 b5 b4 b0 r45 r44 r43 r41 r39 r37 r36 r32
c45	b62 b61 b58 b57 b54 b53 b50 b48 b47 b46 b42 b40 b39 b38 b36 b35 b34 b32 b31 b29 b28 b27 b25 b24 b21 b20 b19 b15 b12 b11 b10 b8 b6 b4 b3 r47 r44 r43 r42 r40 r38 r36 r35
c44	b63 b61 b60 b59 b57 b56 b55 b53 b52 b51 b50 b49 b48 b47 b46 b45 b43 b42 b41 b40 b39 b38 b33 b32 b30 b29 b28 b27 b24 b23 b22 b17 b14 b13 b9 b6 b5 b4 b1 r46 r45 r41 r38 r37 r36 r33
c43	b62 b60 b59 b58 b56 b55 b54 b52 b51 b50 b49 b48 b47 b46 b45 b44 b42 b41 b40 b39 b38 b37 b32 b31 b29 b28 b27 b26 b23 b22 b21 b16 b13 b12 b8 b5 b4 b3 b0 r45 r44 r40 r37 r36 r35 r32
c42	b61 b59 b58 b57 b55 b54 b53 b51 b50 b49 b48 b47 b46 b45 b44 b43 b41 b40 b39 b38 b37 b36 b31 b30 b28 b27 b26 b25 b22 b21 b20 b15 b12 b11 b7 b4 b3 b2 r47 r44 r43 r39 r36 r35 r34
c41	b60 b58 b57 b56 b54 b53 b52 b50 b49 b48 b47 b46 b45 b44 b43 b42 b40 b39 b38 b37 b36 b35 b30 b29 b27 b26 b25 b24 b21 b20 b19 b14 b11 b10 b6 b3 b2 b1 r46 r43 r42 r38 r35 r34 r33
c40	b59 b57 b56 b55 b53 b52 b51 b49 b48 b47 b46 b45 b44 b43 b42 b41 b39 b38 b37 b36 b35 b34 b29 b28 b26 b25 b24 b23 b20 b19 b18 b13 b10 b9 b5 b2 b1 b0 r45 r42 r41 r37 r34 r33 r32
c39	b58 b56 b55 b54 b52 b51 b50 b48 b47 b46 b45 b44 b43 b42 b41 b40 b38 b37 b36 b35 b34 b33 b28 b27 b25 b24 b23 b22 b19 b18 b17 b12 b9 b8 b4 b1 b0 r44 r41 r40 r36 r33 r32
c38	b57 b55 b54 b53 b51 b50 b49 b47 b46 b45 b44 b43 b42 b41 b40 b39 b37 b36 b35 b34 b33 b32 b27 b26 b24 b23 b22 b21 b18 b17 b16 b11 b8 b7 b3 b0 r43 r40 r39 r35 r32
c37	b56 b54 b53 b52 b50 b49 b48 b46 b45 b44 b43 b42 b41 b40 b39 b38 b36 b35 b34 b33 b32 b31 b26 b25 b23 b22 b21 b20 b17 b16 b15 b10 b7 b6 b2 r47 r42 r39 r38 r34
c36	b55 b53 b52 b51 b49 b48 b47 b45 b44 b43 b42 b41 b40 b39 b38 b37 b35 b34 b33 b32 b31 b30 b25 b24 b22 b21 b20 b19 b16 b15 b14 b9 b6 b5 b1 r47 r46 r41 r38 r37 r33
c35	b63 b59 b55 b54 b52 b47 b46 b44 b41 b39 b38 b36 b35 b33 b30 b26 b24 b23 b22 b21 b17 b15 b14 b11 b10 b8 b7 b6 b5 b3 b2 b1 b0 r47 r46 r43 r42 r40 r39 r38 r37 r35 r34 r33 r32
c34	b62 b58 b54 b53 b51 b46 b45 b43 b40 b38 b37 b35 b34 b32 b29 b25 b23 b22 b21 b20 b16 b14 b13 b10 b9 b7 b6 b5 b4 b2 b1 b0 r46 r45 r42 r41 r39 r38 r37 r36 r34 r33 r32
c33	b61 b57 b53 b52 b50 b45 b44 b42 b39 b37 b36 b34 b33 b31 b28 b24 b22 b21 b20 b19 b15 b13 b12 b9 b8 b6 b5 b4 b3 b1 b0 r47 r45 r44 r41 r40 r38 r37 r36 r35 r33 r32
c32	b60 b56 b52 b51 b49 b44 b43 b41 b38 b36 b35 b33 b32 b30 b27 b23 b21 b20 b19 b18 b14 b12 b11 b8 b7 b5 b4 b3 b2 b0 r46 r44 r43 r40 r39 r37 r36 r35 r34 r32